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Resources Straight from the Internet
(focus on young children with autism)

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What does the DCC provide?

➔ Assessment

➔ Educational Planning

➔ Technical Assistance

➔ Professional
   Development

➔ All at NO COST to districts
   or parents!

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EARLY ACADEMICS

- www.preschoolprintables.com
- Awards
- Calendars
- Felt board stories
- File folder games
- Finger puppets
- Sticker charts
- Teacher notes

ZAC BROWSER™

Zone for Autistic Children

- www.zacbrowser.com/pc.php
- Software that allows the child to access games and activities based on diverse interests along with videos
- All games, activities, and videos are specifically chosen for their positive effect

http://www.autisminspiration.com/public/main.cfm

- Access to member content requires a subscription of 14.95 per month

- An on-line resource for parents and teachers of children with autism spectrum behaviors.

- Provides a variety of resources including lesson plans, games, group activities, sensory integration ideas, forums, and other valuable tools and information to help teach children

Early Childhood Links

http://www.wcwcw.com/ earlychildhood/links.htm

- Many links with lots of information

TinSnips

- www.tinsnips.org
- A lot of good ideas and many links
- Check out "what's cooking" for recipies
- Explore the site for hidden treasures

http://www.education-world.com/

has been created to celebrate and support the creativity and dedication of all those who participate in the education of young children. Teachers, parents, aides, and administrators are encouraged to explore these resources and share your ideas for working with young children.

http://region2library.org/ppa.htm#fourblockppt

- Power point books for younger students, and older students

http://prekese.dadeschools.net/index.html

- Some really nice activity specific communication boards (must have Boardmaker to download the boards)
- Some nice power point presentations for teachers of preschoolers.
- Look on the Right hand side under "Browse boardmaker downloads here"
  – Look at Bell shared reading...you will love it!

- makinglearningfun.com/index.html
- Huge site with free printouts
  - Activities
  - Themes
  - Preschool books
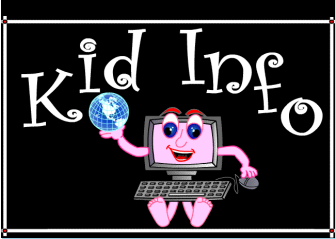
http://www.kidinfo.com/young_
children/young_children.html

- **Lots of sites and links available to websites for young children**

EDUCATIONAL
GAMES-PRACTICE

http://www.ziggityzoom.com/index.php

- **At Ziggity Zoom** you can [play games](#), [color pictures](#), [read and listen to stories](#) about many different [characters](#), watch [kids videos](#) or explore [Play Worlds](#) and other [activities.](#)

- This site is designed for kids and their parents to encourage creativity, reading and to really let your imagination soar.

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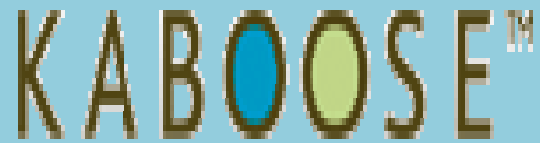
- Go to the Parents and Teachers section and find games that are grouped by preschool, kindergarten, and 1st,2nd, and 3rd and 4th and 5th

- This site offers more than 300 interactive games and activities that are fun and easy

- (preK through grade 6)

- Games are divided by AGE level: 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12
- Fun site with a dozen or so more games in each category
- (pre-K through middle school)

http://www.childtopia.com/index.php?newlang=eng

- This site has versions in 5 languages
- 9 categories of activities: games, learn to draw, listen and reading comprehension, learn to draw with numbers, and more
- (pre-K to 6)
- There is a premium version for $12.00 per year eliminates ads and provides a full screen interface

ICONS AND VISUAL SUPPORTS

Autism Spectrum Disorder & Visual Strategies Resources

www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/printview/ASD_Visual...

- Collection of links to 58 sites

Special Education Technology British Columbia

http://www.setbc.org/pictureset/

- PictureSET is a collection of downloadable visual supports that are free.
- There are 6 large categories:
  - Young adults
  - School
  - Sample communication display
  - Home
  - Seasons and holidays
  - community

http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm

- Huge site full of links for all things autism
- The "pecs" page is full of links to icons and photos
- You have to print out a page of icons at a time and then cut them apart.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the most useful images

- Tulare County SELPA
- Look in "downloadable pictures and supports" for:
  – Free Boardmaker icons-individual icons!
  – Emotions ring software

Visual Aids *for learning*

http://www.visualaidsforlearning.com/products/index.htm
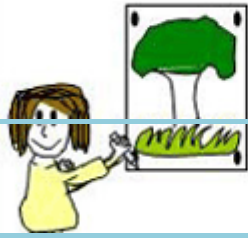
- Nice colorful icons (not Boardmaker) in "packs" –pdf files
- 5 "complete packs:"
  - School
  - Early childhood
  - Adolescent
  - Home
  - Toilet training

http://www.slatersoftware.com/document.html

- Pdf files of visuals created by Pix Writer and Picture It
- Activities
- Stories
- Lessons
- Projects

ABA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES LTD.

http://www.abaresources.com/free.htm

- Printables for ABA work/token economies
- Some nice token boards

CARD Learning Curve

http://learningcurve.fmhi.usf.edu/index.asp

- Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (Florida)
- Check out:
  - Classroom highlights
  - Literacy
  - Social scripts
  - Free materials

COMMUNICATION

http://www.projectsalute.net/index.html

- A resource for children who are deaf-blind or blind and otherwise handicapped.

- Clear descriptions of effective tactile communication procedures

- Photographs of procedures being used

- Lots of resources for study

IDEAs that Work

http://www.osepideasthatwork.org/toolkit/InstPract_tan_sym.asp

- Tangible symbol systems: making the right to communicate a reality for students with severe disabilities
- Wow! If you have non verbal, severely disables students...this will give you a ton of information to collaborate with the speech therapist in making wise decisions about communication supports

The Communication Matrix

- Free tool for determining the communication profile for children functionally below the 24 month level.
- All done online-you answer question that build the profile
- Designed for therapists, teachers and parents
- Help videos to get you started

autismgames.googlepages.com

- Wonderful site full of early interactive games to play with young children with autism.

- Designed to facilitate initiation, imitation, interactions, joint attention and communication.

- Consistent with floortime activities.

- Great descriptions, videos and tips.

http://aac.unl.edu/yaack/index.html

- Very comprehensive information about children using augmentative communication.
- If you need information...you can find it here.
- Information that can be shared with parents.

http://www.speechteach.co.uk/p_general/downloads.htm

- A speech therapy site
- Many downloads of games and activities
- They are zipped pdf files (you can download a program from this site to allow you to unzip the files)

- Wonderful presentations about early language development and autism
- Especially wonderful for speech pathologists...but if you are a brave and invested teacher you should try them out!
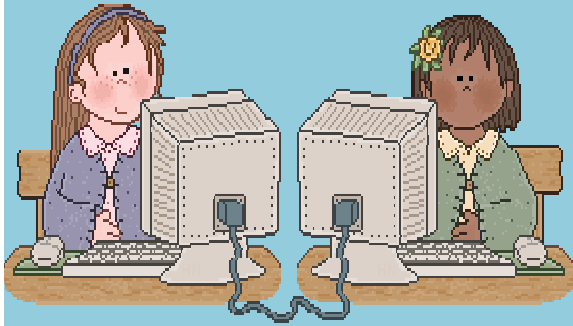
- Speech pathologists will LOVE all of this site.
- Teachers will probably focus on the "materials exchange" section for multiple downloads in these areas:
- Language
- Pragmatics
- Literacy skills
- Cooking
- Thematic units
- Therapy games
- Life skills
- And many more

See it, Say it, Write it

www.seeitsayitwriteit.com

- A great idea for using photographs of science experiences and cooking as a background for writing (cool!)

- But can also be used for stimulating oral language, sequencing, question answering (double cool!)

- Simple, yummy recipes with icons

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bryanquinn/Inservice2004.htm#Table%20of%20Contents

- "Using Computer Activities to Enhance Language Learning"
- An amazing collection of links to hundreds of sites that teachers and parents can use to enhance language
  - Activities for very young children
  - Articulation and phonology
  - Colors and shapes
  - ABC's, sounds and rhyming
  - Counting
  - Nursery rhymes
  - And much more…

http://iteslj.org/questions/

- Just a multitude of lists of hundreds of questions organized in categories such as:
  - Beach
  - Conflict
  - Internet
  - Money
  - Music
  - Police
  - school
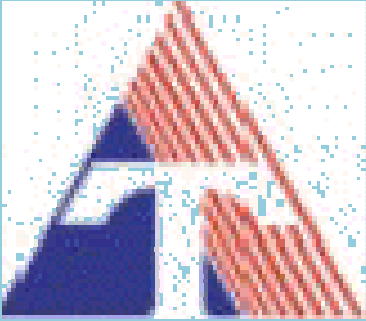
- Free downloadable boardmaker boards in the following categories:
  – Articulation
  – Communication boards
  – Holidays
  – Language
  – Social stories
  – Visual supports
  – vocabulary

SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING AND SOCIAL SKILLS

http://www.autisminstitute.com/

- Pamela Wolfberg
- Very complete description of how to lead an integrated play group

http://www.cccoe.net/social/skillslist.htm

- Autism Community Connection (Illinois)
- MANY links to social skill sites

Emotions Color Wheel

- Incredible tool that combines a color wheel with emotion words.
- Great activities to go with visual

CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION
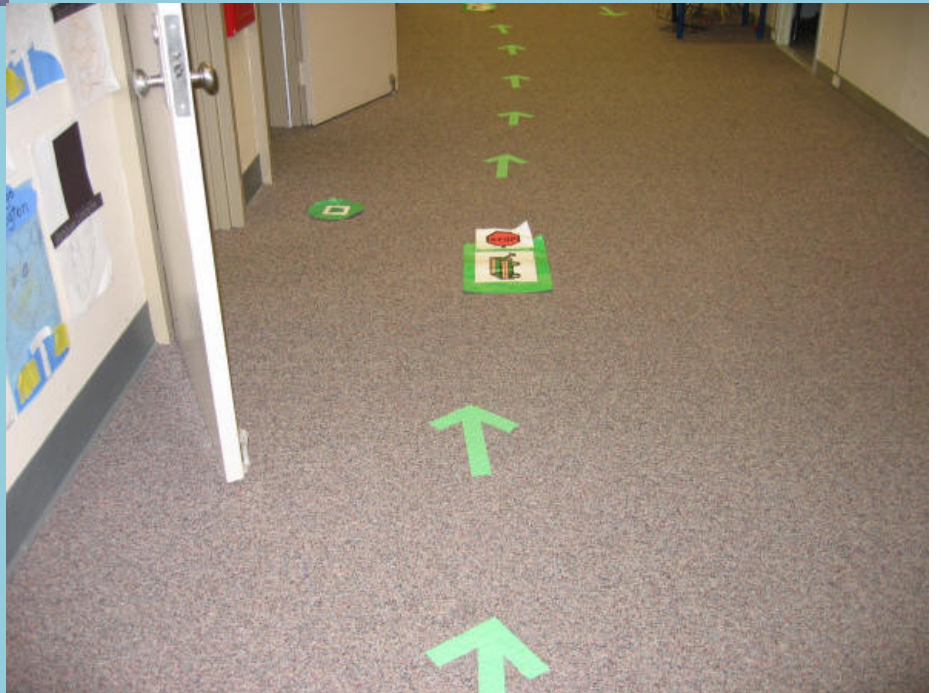
- http://omacconsulting.blogspot.com/
- This is a great blog..enjoy
- Lots of great posts, links
- Go to "Links to older posts" to navigate the blog

- Many resources for setting up a classroom
- Data sheets
- Daily plans
- Planning checklist
- IEP's at a glance
- Independent work stations
- Centers
- Schedules
- Classroom layout
- QUALITY GUIDELINES CHECKLIST

Cindy's Autistic Support

- www.cindysautisticsupport.com

- Lots of great ideas and well organized links to great sites (many in this document!)
- If you like cute bears, you will LOVE this!

Autism Classroom.com

- This is a great site full of helpful information
- Check out blog, materials and strategies

- www.busyteacherscafe.com
- Great education site
- Lots of great literacy ideas
- Check out "Mini offices"

http://www.do2learn.com/

- Incredible site with tons of material
- Check it all out...so much free to download
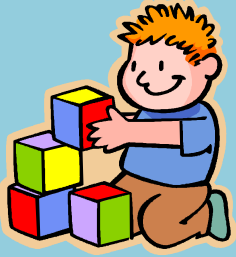- There are several "for pay" areas which look wonderful
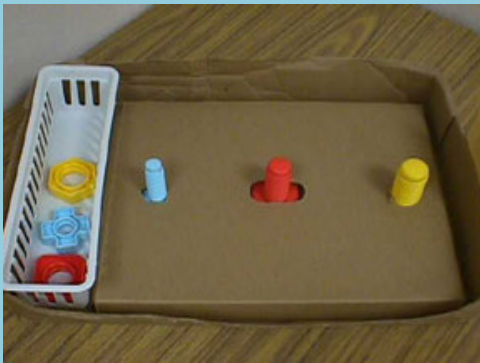
STRUCTURED TASKS AND WORK SYSTEMS

http://www.buildingblox.net/index.html

- Lots of photographs of structured tasks…"task ideas and freebies" and "task ideas 2,3,4"

http://www.preschoolfun.com/pages/teacch.htm
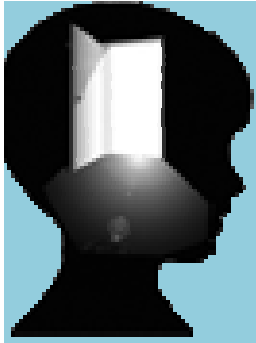
- 8 years of tasks created by teachers at TEACCH workshops

- Photos are clear

- Beware of the music!!

Kansas Autism Spectrum Disorders

- This is a simple looking, but rich site.
- Social stories –some power point, some Word …look under "social narratives"
- Some photos of nice structured tasks

Practical Autism Resources

- www.practicalautismresources.com/Home
- Check out the "free printables" –really nice!
- Check out "gallery and tips" for nice descriptions and photos of classroom organization and tasks, schedules
- Check out "data and planning forms"

- www.scatc.org/pages/teacch_work_jobs.htm

- More photos of structured tasks

http://joeschedule.com/

- Use of picture schedules and similar techniques to help children with autism get through their school work and other challenges.

- Useful to parents and teachers

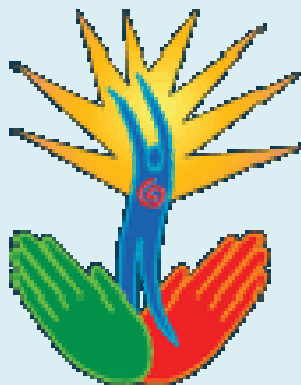- Requires an inexpensive paid subscription ($30.00 per year).
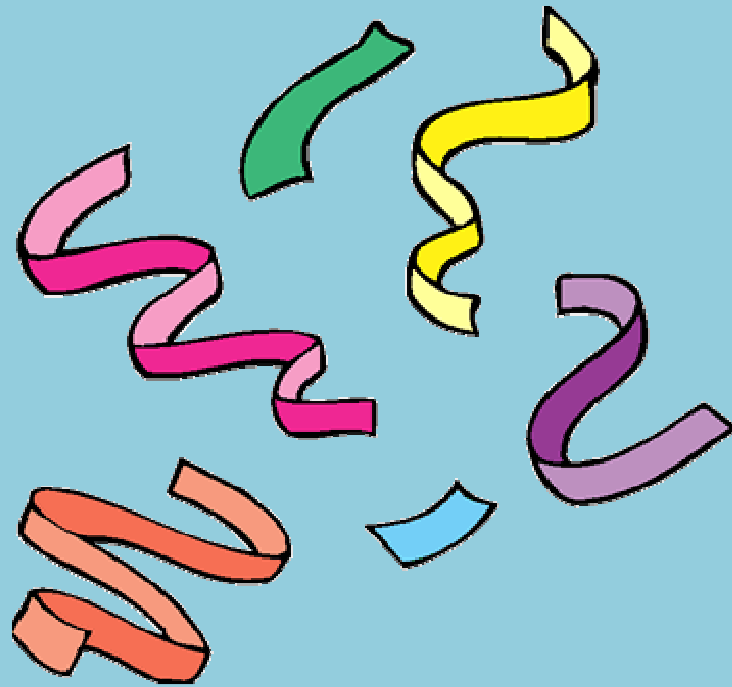
EXTRAS

www.autismhangout.com/default.asp

http://www.vvvillage.org/

- **Virtual Voices Village, An Accessible Website for Children with Disabilities**

- Virtual Voices Village is an educational website featuring work by students with disabilities. They are creating a digital village to communicate with their friends and share ideas by publishing stories, poems and artwork. Students review and photograph camp activities, local sports and cultural events. "Reporters" develop their journalism and communication skills by interviewing successful role models, including SET-BC student alumni, professionals and athletes with disabilities.

YAHOO! KIDS

http://kids.yahoo.com/

Things you can do
- Play games
- Watch music videos
- Check out movies
- Learn about science
- Read jokes
- Send ecards
- Learn Internet Safety
- Get homework help
- Look up words
- Ask questions
- Explore an encyclopedia
- Suggest a site
- Make Yahoo! Kids your home page

Sections of interest
- Games
- Music
- Movies
- Sports
- Jokes
- Ask Earl
- Ecards
- Homework Help
- Reference
- Parents

http://www.askability.org.uk/Default.aspx

- Askability decided that there was a need for a website which was presented entirely in symbol to enable children with learning disabilities to become informed about ongoing current affairs and also create a central forum for children to express their views and opinions.

http://www.manitasporautismo.com/

- This site is in Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

iCAN http://www.autismnetwork.org/

- On line instructional modules on ASD
- Completely free – funded by the US Department of Ed
- EXCELLENT!!
- Over 50 Modules on the following topics:
  - Characteristics
  - Assessment
  - Academic interventions
  - Behavioral interventions
  - Communication interventions
  - Environmental interventions
  - Sensory interventions
  - Social interventions

POPARD
Provincial Outreach Program
for Autism and Related Disorders

http://www.autismoutreach.ca/

- Canadian government organization to support schools – everything is free
- E-learning: videos on a wide range of topics (over 30): intro info; environmental issues; classroom strategies; communication; social skills; ABA; behavior; functional curriculum
- Handouts of general info
- Downloads (lots of visual tools)
- Website links

Autism Internet Modules (AIM)

http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/user_reg.php

- Modules of content created by OCALI and a group of international organizations
  - Assessment
  - Characteristics
  - Classroom interventions
  - Visual supports
  - PECS
  - Peer mediated instruction
  - Home base
  - Incredible 5 point scale
  - Transitions between activities

Each module contains print, video, photographs, pre-test, post-test.
You can do any or all parts of any module.
You have to register, but completely free

- Great practical, free articles to download on:
  - General info
  - Family
  - Adult
  - Ed programming
  - Behavior
  - Communication
  - Social/leisure
  - Self help
  - Sensory
- Also 4 family modules with very rich, helpful info on autism, family resources and support, behavior, intervention and education

http://www.dcc-cde.ca.gov/Training/Training%20Videos.htm

- 8 Videos prepared by the Diagnostic Center, Central California for General Education teachers who have students with Asperger Syndrome
  - Background and characteristics
  - Structure
  - Social
  - Sensory
  - Anxiety and attention
  - Academic
  - behavior

- WATI=Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative
- Comprehensive training in all aspects of assistive technology. Each training is a power point
  - 16 topics
  - Not specifically about autism, but all applicable

- Drop down menus providing information:
  – About Autism
  – Life with autism
  – Research and programs
  – Autism community
  – About us

ACADEMICS

Reading Rockets

- www.readingrockets.org
- A project of WETA, the public broadcasting station in Washington, DC, this site provides information about learning to read and strategies for supporting struggling readers. It offers news, practical information, expert advice, and resources for parents, teachers, and others.

The Math Worksheet Site.com

- themathworksheetsite.com/
- Create math worksheets
- Every worksheet is created when you request it, so they are different every time.
  - Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
  - Measurement
  - Telling time
  - Fractions
 - Graphing
  - One hundred chart

- Go to the "file cabinet" on the Right hand side for the free printables
  - Literacy
  - Math
  - Science
  - Health
  - Social studies
  - Learning centers
  - seasonal

SCHOLASTIC

- www2.scholastic.com/browse/home.jsp
- Scholastic provides opportunities for learning and fun for families and students. This website also provides a multitude of resources for teachers, specific to grade levels and subject areas, including excellent information on and by authors.
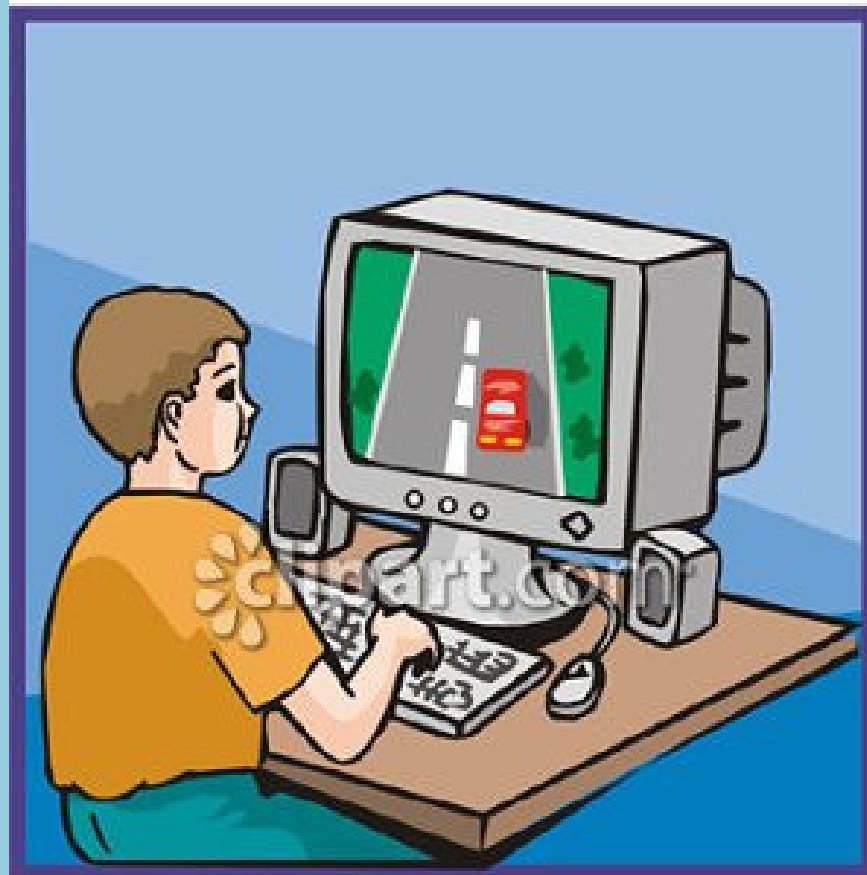
EDUCATIONAL GAMES-PRACTICE

http://www.funbrain.com/kidscenter.html

- This popular site form Pearson Education features 'Arcades" specific to Math and Reading, as games such as Math Baseball and Grammar Gorillas.

- There are also resources specifically for teachers, organized on the Teacher's homepage. http://www.funbrain.com/teachers/index.html

PrimaryGames

- Lots of fun games, covering common subjects like math, language arts, social studies, science and more (grades K through 6)

http://dsc.discovery.com/games/games.html

- Dozens of activities, organized into 4 categories: games, quizzes, puzzles, and interactives
- This site is part of the overall Discovery.com site, which is rich with information and fun content
- (Grades 3 and up)

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games_menu.htm

- Lots of free games, puzzles, quizzes, and more
- Rich source of fun educational games and activities
- No registration required

http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/content/games/

- A variety of games and interactives and leans toward science and history based adventures and activities,
- Lots of cool stuff: fossil hunts, rhino rescue, earth in balance, etc
- (grades 3 and up)

http://www.karooba.com/

- A social and gaming site that is focused on education, featuring canned and custom developed quizzes, trivia, and more
- (grades 3 and up)
- Will need to register to get the most out of this site

SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING AND SOCIAL SKILLS

SocialThinking

www.socialthinking.com

- Michelle Garcia Winner's site
- Go to Michelle's blog section for lots of great info about social thinking

- Incredible activities and visual supports for improving communication and social skills
- Graphic organizers to use in teaching of these skills

mhtml:http://www.autismcommunityconnection.com/files/ACC_social_skills.mht#social_skills

- Dozens and dozens of social skills for jr. high students
  – Prerequisite skills
  – Classroom skills
  – Skills with peers
  – Skills with adults
- Each skill has an objective and is attached to a standard
- The lesson includes skill steps and a rubric
- Annoying music on index page!

# All About MakeBeliefsComix.com

- www.makebeliefscomix.com/
- Students can create their own comic strips on this site that offers animal and human characters with different moods, thought and talk baloons to fill in with words in English or Spanish
- Includes story prompts.
- After creating their comic strips, students can print them or email them to friends or family.

Jill Kuzma's Social Thinking Weblog
jillkuzma.wordpress.com

- Incredible collection of visual supports for social thinking.
- Jill's work is all consistent with Michelle Garcia Winner's work.
- The visuals are all under "teaching ideas"
- Be sure to look at her information pages also
- Topics include:
  - Perspective taking skills
  - Conversation skills
  - Emotion awareness and management
  - Friendship and interaction skills
  - Receptive language
  - Expressive language
  - Assessment of pragmatics
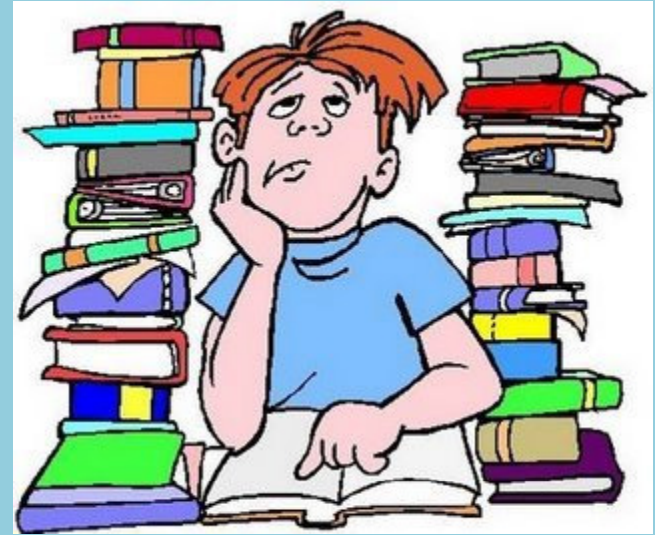
SUPPORTS FOR HIGHER ACADEMICS

- Printable books
- Themes
- Crafts
- Label me printouts
- Coloring pages
- Too much to mention
- Fantastic all free site!

Starfall.com
Where children have fun learning to read!

- www.starfall.com
- Designed for the emergent reader, the website has interactive books and rhyming word family games that teach phonemic awareness, comprehension, vocabulary building, and spelling skills. Free, supplemental materials can be downloaded or ordered online.

Learning Page
Free Teaching Resources
http://www.learningpage.com/

- You have to register for most of the content, but it is free!!
- A lot of books that you can print.
- Theme sheets and clip art.

- www.textmapping.org/using.html
- Textmapping is a graphic organizer technique used to teach reading comprehension and writing skills, study skills, and course content.

DISCOVERY SCHOOL'S
KATHY SCHROCK'S GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/

Welcome to ReadingQuest.org

strategies for reading, writing, organizing, discussion, and vocabulary in Social Studies (and all subjects!)

- www.readingquest.org
- Designed for social studies teachers, this site includes practical directions for a range of comprehension and content area reading strategies, printable handouts, masters for transparencies, and links to articles and resources.

- quizhub.com/quiz/quizhub.cfm
- Quiz Hub is a noncommercial educational portal for upper elementary school and middle school students. It includes free online interactive learning games, puzzles, and quizzes for language arts, math, science, social studies, and four foreign languages.

http://setbc.org/curriculumset/default.aspx

http://www.specialconnections.ku.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/specconn/index.php

http://www.mathplayground.com/index.html

http://www.kidzone.ws/

- Free printable activity worksheets available in each section

By Topic:
Animal Facts
Geography
Language Arts
Lesson Plans
Magic Tricks
Math
Science
Thematic Units

By Grade:
Preschool
Kindergarten
Grade One
Grade Two
Grade Three
Grade Four
Grade Five

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Education Place

http://www.eduplace.com/
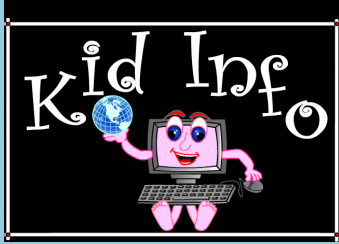
http://www.kidinfo.com/schoolsubjects.html#Mathematics

http://www.readwritethink.org
/student_mat/index.asp